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| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 5 | 5 | 0 | x 42 = | \$0 | x 84 = | \$0 |
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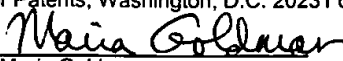
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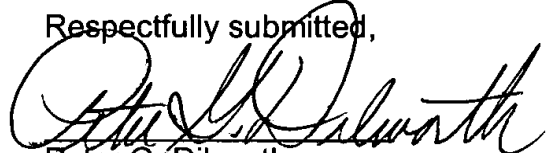
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) An osteoimplant which comprises a solid aggregate of bone-derived elements selected from the group consisting of superficially demineralized bone-derived elements, substantially completely demineralized bone-derived elements and mixtures thereof, adjacent bone-derived elements being bonded to each other

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